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Army Materiel Command stands-up Army Sustainment Command

Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, hosted a ceremony today standing-up the U.S. Army Sustainment Command at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

ASC replaces the U.S. Army Field Support Command. In addition to continuing the missions of the former AFSC, the ASC has added Reset synchronization, distribution and materiel management services, contingency contracting and training equipment management missions. For the full story, visit, www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=9613

RDECOM sweeps Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards

Five U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command organizations were recently recognized during the 2006 Research and Development Laboratory of the Year competition awards. The RDL Awards were established in 1975 to recognize labs for their outstanding contributions and impact on enhancing the capability of Army operational forces worldwide.

The winners are: Army Research Laboratory, Large Research Laboratory; Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Large Development Laboratory; Natick Soldier Center, Small Development Laboratory; and Collaboration Awards went to ARL & Tank Automotive Research Development and Engineering Center and Natick Soldier Center & Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine. For the full story, visit, www.rdecom.army.mil/

AMC receives fuel cell vehicle from General Motors

U.S. Army Materiel Command became the first recipient of General Motor's next generation Chevrolet Equinox fuel cell vehicle during a ceremony on Capitol Hill yesterday. The handover is the result of a partnership between GM and the Army. The sports utility vehicle is equipped with front wheel drive, airbags, anti-locking brakes, OnStar and a compressed hydrogen tank that holds enough fuel to travel about 200 miles.

Researchers from GM and Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center will use the vehicle in non-tactical transportation operations at Fort Belvoir, Va., to study maintenance, hydrogen fuel supplies and other aspects of the vehicle. The information obtained will be shared with GM in a cooperative effort to move the technology forward.

Natick Soldier Center lets light shine

The Natick Soldier Center, Mass., is developing electroluminescent panels for shelters. The EL technology will be incorporated into panels, which can then be attached to the walls of softwall shelters to function as a white light source. Alternatively, the EL technology can be directly integrated into the shelter materials thus eliminating attachment assembly. For the full story, visit, www.ssc.army.mil/about/pao/2006/06-27.htm

Did you know...Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month

In Sept. 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration. America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. During this month, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence anniversaries.

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